

Planning Commission  
MS Team Virtual Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2021



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Chair Adam Yanasak called the meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance: Carly McGinn, Christine Lavra, Kathryn Beck, Michael Zelinski, Michael Finch, and Charles Adkins.

Commissioner Absent: Chris Holland and Alex Lark  
Staff Present: Becky McCrary, Erika Spencer, and Kathy Davis

Meeting Minutes

Chair Yanasak asked if there were any revisions to the minutes. Commissioner Zelinski noted the page footer date was in error.

**Motion:** Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve the February 2, 2021 meeting minutes with the change in the date. Commissioner Zelinski seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Commissioner Adkins, yes; Commissioner Finch, yes; Commissioner Lavra, yes; Commissioner Zelinski, yes; Commissioner Beck, abstain; Commissioner McGinn, yes; and Chair Yanasak, yes.

**Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Comments

None

Staff Comments

Becky McCrary stated that she was appointed to the Long-Range Planning Manager position and looked forward to working with the Commission in that capacity. She updated Commission on the recruitment process for Planning Director, the Rethink Housing public outreach schedule, long-term Planning Commission schedule, and beginning stages of scoping the comp plan update. Planning Commission meets next on April 6. There is no meeting on March 16.

Citizen General Comments

None

**Item 1: Model Code Partnership Project**

Miranda Redinger, Sound Transit High Capacity Transit Senior Project Manager, presented information on the Everett Link Extension, Operations and Maintenance Facility North, the timeline, and the racial equity tool kit. She asked Commission if there were any questions.

### Commission Discussion

Commissioner Finch asked what the likelihood was that service would start as scheduled to Everett Station given the budget challenges. Eric Ashlie-Vinke, Sound Transit Government & Community Relations Manager for the north corridor, responded that there were three board members from Snohomish County that have been champions for the community and that they would be working on the funding regionally. Sound Transit would focus on the pursuit of Federal dollars. Funding was possible but there could be delays. He stated that Everett and Snohomish County residents should engage with Sound Transit throughout the realignment process.

Commissioner Finch asked about realignment. Mr. Ashlie-Vinke responded that the alignment was passed by the voters in 2016, and it was Sound Transit's commitment to deliver in response to the voters. The realignment prioritizes several things so that they can deliver all the projects as close to the original timeline as possible.

Chair Yanasak asked about the uncertainty of funding and delay in completion. Mr. Ashlie-Vinke responded that the Board would decide in July about what projects would proceed with the available funding. He asked Commissioners if they would like him to come back to provide a more detailed update on the realignment. Chair Yanasak and Commissioner Finch would like a more detailed update and information on the realignment.

### Model Code Partnership Presentation

Ms. Redinger presented information on the Model Code Partnership project. Sound Transit is working in partnership with the City of Everett, City of Lynnwood, Snohomish County, and the Puget Sound Regional Council. She presented information on the goals, the FTA TOD Pilot Program grant, the three components of the Model Code Partnership, and the role of commission.

### Commission Discussion

Chair Yanasak asked if the Model Code Partnership was used in other jurisdictions. Ms. Redinger responded that the process was new for an extension project. The process provides more certainty, predictability, timeliness, and reduces delays that other Sound Transit extensions have encountered later in their projects.

### Citizen Comments

A citizen asked about additional safety measures for the handicapped and disabled. Mr. Ashlie-Vinke stated that safety was always a top priority.

## **Item 2: Active Land Use Projects Interactive Map**

Erika Spencer, GIS Programmer/Analyst, demonstrated how to use the new on-line Active Land Use Projects Interactive Map.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Finch stated that the map was a very useful tool and asked if there was a way to color code the dots to the application type. Ms. Spencer responded that she would consider.

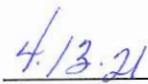
Commissioner Zelinski stated that the map appeared to be useful and he looked forward to working with it. He applauded the City's efforts.


Citizen Comments

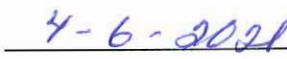
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